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**Inmate Death at MCFP Springfield**

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Wednesday, December 9, 2020, inmate Michael Ryle tested positive for COVID-19 and was placed in medical isolation at the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners (MCFP) Springfield in Springfield, Missouri. On Friday, December 18, 2020, Mr. Ryle was evaluated by medical staff for decreased oxygen saturation and transported to a local hospital for further treatment and evaluation. On Monday, December 21, 2020, Mr. Ryle returned to MCFP Springfield and was placed in medical isolation. On Thursday, December 24, 2020, he was again evaluated by medical staff for decreased oxygen saturation and transported to a local hospital for further treatment and evaluation. On Friday, January 8, 2021, Mr. Ryle, who had long-term pre-existing medical conditions, which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by hospital staff.

Mr. Ryle was a 77-year-old male who was sentenced in the District of Columbia Superior Court to a 65-year sentence for Indecent Acts on a Minor Child, Assault, and First Degree Child Sexual Abuse. He had been in custody at MCFP Springfield since July 27, 2017.

MCFP Springfield is an administrative security facility that currently houses 792 male offenders.

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